90,000 sq. kms. of Indian territory in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam along the Eastern sector of the India-China boundary.

(b) Arunachal Pradesh is a state of the Indian Union and an integral part of India. This position has been conveyed unambiguously to the Chinese Government on several occasions.

Prime Minister's meeting with Malaysian Prime Minister

2271. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether talks were held recently between the Prime Ministers of India and Malaysia, Dr. Mahathir, during the latter's visit to this country in connection with G-15 Summit; and

(b) if so, what are the agreements reached between the two and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir. The two Prime Ministers held wide ranging discussions on matters of bilateral, regional and international significance.

(b) No formal Agreements were concluded between the Prime Ministers. However, they witnessed signing of the following Agreements, mainly between business and industrial sectors of the two countries:—

1. Joint Venture Agreement between Telekom Malaysia and Usha Martin Industries Limited to operate Group Service Mobile (GSM) Digital Cellular Network in Calcutta.

2. Technical Assistance Agreement between Rubfil Sdn. Bhd. Malaysia and Rubfila International Limited, India. to set up a plant for the manufacture of Heat Resistant Latex Rubber Thread (HKLRT) in Palghat, Kerala.

3. Joint Venture Agreement between Land and General Lumber Bhd. and Indian Railway Construction Co. Ltd. (IRCON) to construct and operate railways and allied services in Malaysia.

4. Memorandum of Understanding between CISCO Group of Companies, Malaysia and Kasturba Medical College, Karnataka to establish a twinning programme for MBBS Degree.

5. MOU between Berjaya Group of Malaysia and Modi Mirrlees Blackstone Ltd., India for manufacturing of airconditioning equipment and development of hotel resorts and golf courses.

6. MOU Between Uniphoenix Corporation Berhad and Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC), India. to undertake various joint venture projects in Kerala.*

US-Administration's defence to President Clinton's letter to pro-Pakistani Kashmiri American Council

2272 SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA.
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to defence offered by the US Administration to President Bill Clinton's letter addressed to the head of a Pro-Pakistani Kashmiri American Council (a Kashmiri Ultras' out-fit), as reported in the press on 8th January, 1994;

(b) if so, whether Government have also received an official communication from the US Administration in this regard; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In an official Press Advisory the US State Department clarified, inter alia, that the US President's letter to Ghulam Nabi Fai reflected the Administration's stand that the US wishes to see a peaceful resolution on all issues between India and Pakistan, including Kashmir.

2. This Press Advisory was issued by the State Department following a letter by Ambassador Ray to US Under Secretary of State (for Political Affairs) Peter Tarnoff conveying Government of India's concern at President Clinton's letter to Pai.

(c) Government have noted the clarification issued by the State Department. Government monitor continuously all developments which impact on India's national interest and are committed to take all necessary steps to safeguard India's territorial unity and integrity.

Proposals of joint committee of India and Asian Countries

2273. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Joint Committee of India and Asian countries has finalised proposals to develop specific areas of cooperation and establishing institutional linkages; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

संसद सदस्यों द्वारा विदेश-मंत्रालय को लिखे गये पत्र

2274. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मोना अफजल** : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) 1 अप्रैल, 1990 से 31 मार्च, 1993 की अवधि के दौरान सांसदों द्वारा मंत्रालय को कितने पत्र लिखे गए और उनका वर्ष-वार ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) उनमें से कितने पत्रों की पावती भेजी गई;

(ग) कितने पत्रों के अन्तिम उत्तर भेजे गये ; और

(घ) मंत्रालय द्वारा क्रमश: सकारात्म और नकारात्मक उत्तर वाले भेजे गये अन्तिम पत्रों के पृथक-पृथक आंकड़े क्या हैं ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० एल० भाटिया) : (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन की मेज पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Embassies and consulates in Foreign Countries

2275. **SHRI ASHOK MITRA:** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the new embassies and consulates opened in foreign countries during the last three years;

(b) what is the number of embassies and consolates in foreign countries closed down over the same period and the details thereof; and

(c) what is the criteria followed for such openings and closures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Eleven Embassies|High Commissions|Consulates General were opened in foreign countries during the past three years. Their details are as follows:—